

REMARKS

1. Amendment of Claims:

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al. ('939).

In response, Claims 1 and 3 have been amended and new claims 5 -7 have been added.

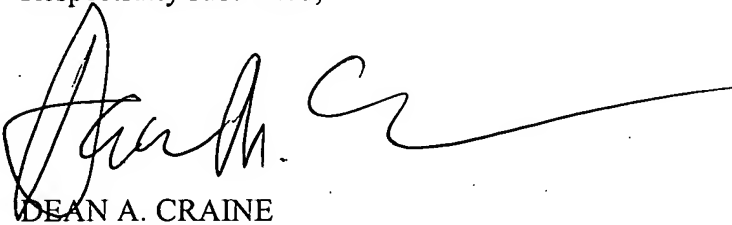
Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to more clearly recite the air bladders extend under the user's leg to force blood in the user's leg to flow upward.

In addition, the word "serial" has been added to the claim to further distinguish over the alternating inflation system disclosed in Smith.

The Applicant submits that none of the prior art references disclose or suggest the structure now recited in the claims.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant's invention should be considered patentable and Notice of Allowance should be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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